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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 09348

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CF, GW, PFOR

SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US-CONGO RELATIONS

REF: STATE 126814

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE WELCOMED BRIEFING MATERIAL PROVIDED REFTEL. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL MEET WITH OBENGA TOMORROW MORNING (JUNE 3). WE EXPECT A BETTER READING OF THE CONGOLESE ATTITUDE AFTER THAT TIME. HOWEVER, THE FRG EMBASSIES IN PARIS AND BRAZZAVILLE BOTH REPORT THAT THE CONGOLESE SEEM QUITE OPTIMISITC ABOUT THE UPCOMING TALKS IN BONN AND ALMOST CERTAIN THAT FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WILL RESULT.

2. TIME AND VENUE: FRG HAS PROPOSED 10 A.M. MEETING TIME (JUNE 6) TO CONGOLESE AND THEY AGREED. SITE SUGGESTED BY FRG IS SMALL MEETING HALL IN FOREIGN OFFICE BUILDING. CONGOLESE ACCEPTED THIS ALSO.  
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3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE ASSUMES THE U.S. SIDE IS WILLING TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS IN FRENCH. IF NOT, INTERPRETERS MUST BE ARRANGED AND ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WILL BE NECESSARY.

4. VAN WELL EXPECTS TO GREET BOTH DELEGATIONS AT

FOREIGN OFFICE BEFORE TALKS COMMENCE.

UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED, THERE WILL BE NO ONE FROM THE GERMAN SIDE IN THE MEETING ROOM. VAN WELL/SCHAUFELLE MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 5 P.M. ON JUNE 6.

5. CONGOLESE EXPECT TO FIELD A SIX MAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO BONN, ALPHONSE ONGAGOU DATCHOU; CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, MONDJO; A SPECIAL COUNSELOR TO THE CONGOLESE PRESIDENT; AND TWO OTHER AIDES. EMBASSY'S ROBERT REMOLE EXPECTS TO OBSERVE ON U.S. SIDE.

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND KATES WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT. RESERVATION MADE FOR KATES AT EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE FOR NIGHTS OF JUNE 5 AND 6.

7. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO SIMEON L. MOATS (OFFICE PHONE: 89-31-03; HOME PHONE 37-93-25).  
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